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Chief Justice Mike Heavican Appoints Review Committee on the Status of Adult Guardianships and Conservatorships in Nebraska Court System

Chief Justice Mike Heavican, in conjunction with Senator Brad Ashford, Chair of the Unicameral's Judiciary Committee, and Mike Kinney, President of the Nebraska State Bar Association, has appointed members to serve on a committee to review the status of adult guardianships and conservatorships in Nebraska's courts. The charge of the committee will be to review and recommend any needed changes to Nebraska's guardianship and conservatorship statutes, and to review court rules and best practices in guardianship and conservatorship cases in Nebraska courts, including best practices for judges, lawyers, and guardians and conservators. The committee will also review the need for any additional resources which might be necessary in order to implement any proposed changes.

The members of the committee are:

Judge Susan Bazis, Presiding Judge of the Douglas County Court
Judge Curtis Evans, York County Court
Judge Todd Hutton, Sarpy County Court
Senator John Wightman of Lexington
Senator Brenda Council of Omaha
Senator Colby Coash of Lincoln
Senator John Nelson of Omaha
John McHenry, Lincoln attorney
Terry MacNamara, Omaha attorney
Kathy Jones, Clerk Magistrate of Red Willow County
Janet Labenz, accountant in Lincoln
Mary Newman, Deputy Chief of Police, Omaha Police Department
John Dougherty, head of the probate division of the Douglas County Court; and
Sam Brower, Omaha attorney.
Senator Brad Ashford of Omaha and Court Administrator Janice Walker will serve as ex officio members and Senator Wightman will serve as chair of the Committee.

A first meeting date has not yet been set.

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